

Quarterman Lee



Quarterman Lee has been a trusted advisor to business and industrial clients for more than 23 years. Prior positions at Ford Motor Company, Rockwell-International, McDonnell-Douglas and Crown- Zellerbach provided broad experience in Plant Engineering, Product Engineering and Management.Mr. Lee has authored more than 200 articles, books, papers and training programs. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

Since his first Plant Layout at Ford Motor Company in 1964, Quarterman Lee has designed factories in many industries, including automobile, paper, electronics, printing, warehousing, plastics, foundry, metalworking and assembly. These layouts and designs have reduced space, improved material flow and made new products.

He has prepared Master Site Plans for facilities, which will sustain their growth for decades. He has made important contributions to the plant layout field.

Facilities Planning and Workplace Design is Mr. Lee's latest book on facility planning. He previously co-authored McGraw-Hill's Handbook of Commercial and Industrial Facilities Management.

His current work-in-progress is titled Practical Workcells. Cellular Manufacturing and related topics such as Group Technology (GT) have had a special interest. He participated in the early computerization of GT. He has helped many clients transition to Cellular Manufacturing with significant benefits in manufacturing performance. Using computer simulation,

Mr. Lee helps optimize material systems, manufacturing systems, workcells and other processes. Mr. Lee is widely known for his work in Manufacturing Strategy, Just-In-Time, and Business Process Re-Engineering. He bridges the gap between the Marketing and Manufacturing functions of business. Time-Based Competition, perhaps the ultimate competitive advantage, is the logical culmination of much this work. Group Technology, Focused Manufacturing, Total Quality, Just-In-Time.... All are prerequisites to compete on the dimension of time.

He assists clients in accelerating their product development cycle as part of a TBC initiative. Mr. Lee holds US Patent #4,420,03 for his innovative design of a commercial glasswashing machine. This machine is still in production more than twelve years after its introduction.

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